

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Figs. 1 to 2B. This sheet, which includes Figs. 1-10B, 5 replaces the original sheet including Fig. 1-10B.

In Figures 1 to 2B, a legend "Prior Art" has been added.

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REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 5, 7-10, 12, 14 and 26-32 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by Applicant Admitted Prior Art (AAPA). Claims 4, 6, 11 and 13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Applicant Admitted Prior Art (AAPA).

1. Response to the rejection of claims 1-3, 5, 7-10, 12, 14 and 26-32 under 35 U.S.C. 102(a):

In the Office action, the comparison lists that "a common source" in the claims is equal to the assigned number "70" in AAPA. "A common source" in this application is used as the main source and the redundant source simultaneously that have been described in the independent claims, but the assigned number "70" is a field oxide used to isolate the main memory array region from the redundant memory array region. In the claimed invention, the main memory array region and the redundant memory array region are directly connected by utilizing the common source, and the field oxide presented in prior art has been eliminated.

The common source and the field oxide are different in material and function.

2. Response to the rejection of claims 4, 6, 11 and 13 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a):

According to the statement of the MPEP Sec. 2143.03, which is repeated as follows:

"If an independent claim is non-obvious under 35

U.S.C.103, then any claim depending therefrom is non-obvious. In re Fine, 837 F.2d 1071, 5 USPQ (CCPA 1988)"

5 Claims 4 and 6 are dependent on independent claim 1 and should be allowed if claim 1 is allowed. Claims 11 and 13 are dependent on independent claim 8 and should be allowed if claim 8 is allowed. Reconsideration of the rejection of claims 4, 6, 11 and 13 is therefore politely requested.

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Sincerely,

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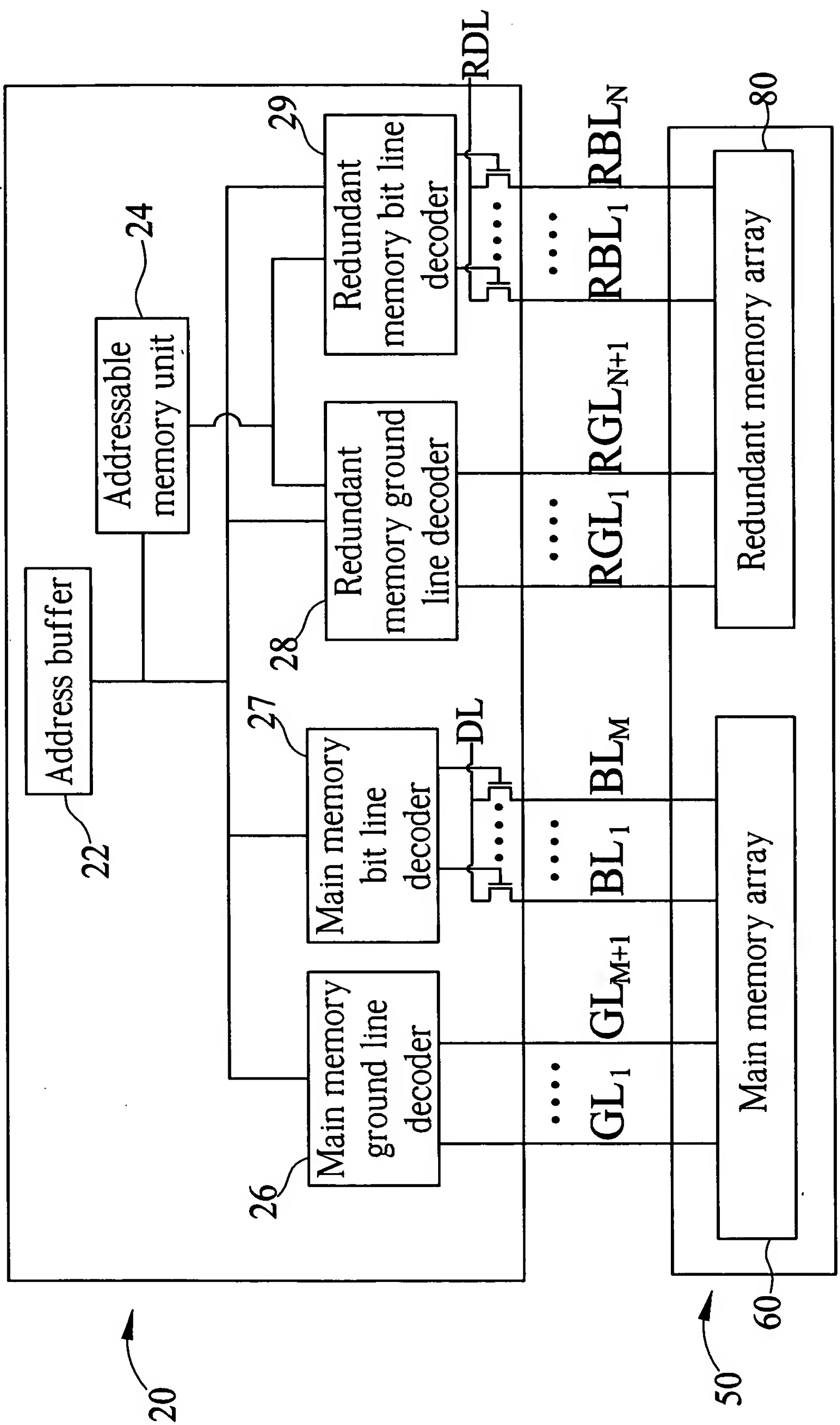


Fig. 1 (Prior art)

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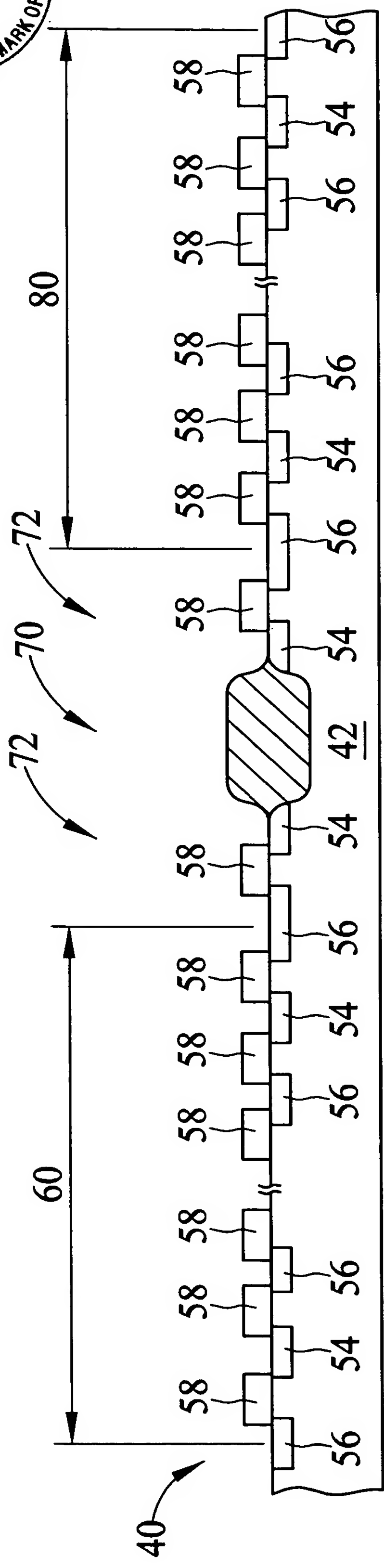


Fig. 2A (Prior art)

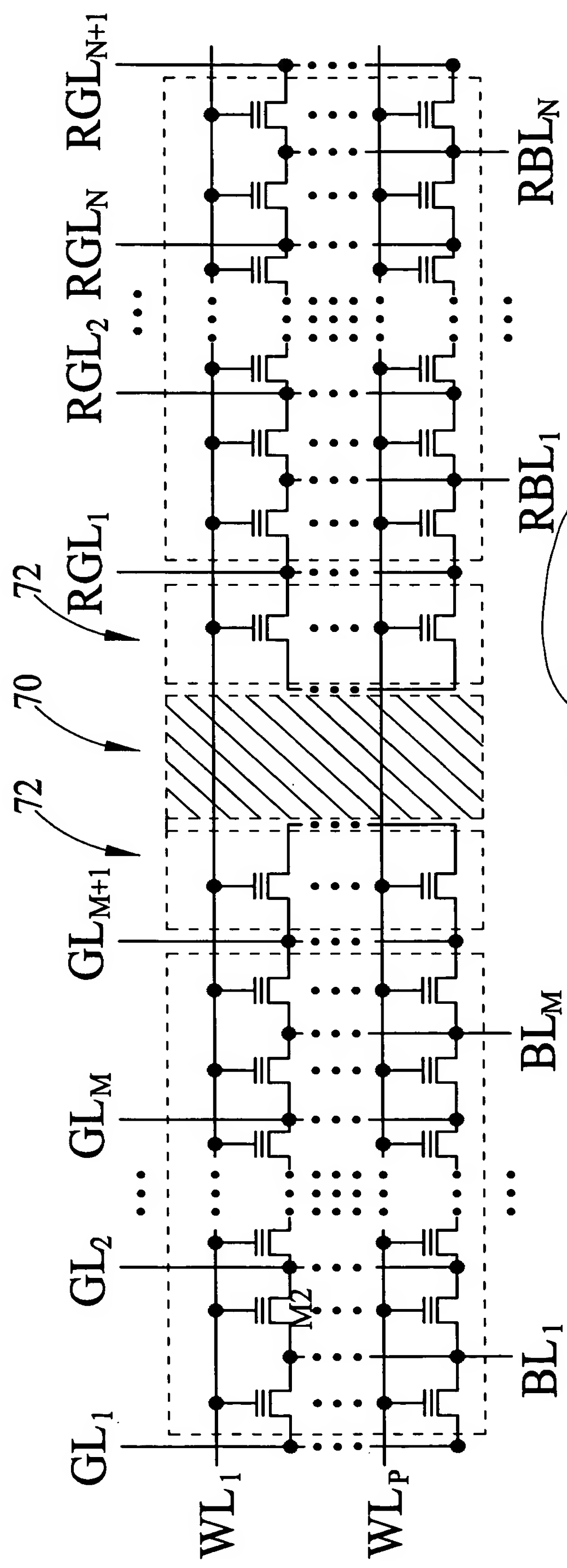


Fig. 2B (Prior art)